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Medical Monitoring Project

SUMMARY SHEET

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducting a supplemental surveillance project in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called the “Medical Monitoring Project (MMP)”. The purpose of MMP is to study emerging trends in the healthcare of people living with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts including health care utilization, outcomes, HIV diagnosis attributes, patient behaviors, intensity of care, and other factors (*e.g.*, medication adherence, alcohol and substance abuse, and quality of life).

The Medical Monitoring Project of the CDC is a multi-year surveillance project being conducted in 19 states (26 project sites, including 6 cities) that will be implemented in stages and involve the participation of HIV/AIDS providers and patients across a large geographical area in the United States and also Puerto Rico. A random sample of Massachusetts facilities and providers will be selected for inclusion in the Massachusetts Medical Monitoring Project and will be contacted by the staff of the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

HIV/AIDS surveillance programs in all U.S. states collect a core set of information on persons diagnosed with, living with, and succumbing to HIV infection and AIDS. Supplemental surveillance projects have provided complementary information about clinical outcomes and a variety of specified behaviors among HIV-infected persons. The need for further data on risk and healthcare-seeking behavior among HIV-infected persons led to the implementation of the CDC Supplement to HIV/AIDS Surveillance (SHAS) project in 1990. In the past decade, this provided important information but its utility has become limited. The MMP arose out of the need for a nationally representative, population-based supplemental surveillance system to assess current trends in clinical outcomes, scope and quality of HIV care, and selected behaviors of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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